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NVCC COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY

CHI 121-122 - BEGINNING CHINESE READING AND WRITING I-II (3 CR.) (3 CR.)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduces the reading and writing of modern standard Chinese. Emphasizes vocabulary build-up and practice in reading and writing. May be taken in conjunction with Beginning Spoken Chinese. Lecture 3 hours per week.

GENERAL COURSE PURPOSE

This course familiarizes the student with the logic and construction of Chinese characters and provides practice in reading and writing. The student acquires a vocabulary of 150-250 single characters which, used in commonly occurring word-combinations, amounts to an effective vocabulary of over five hundred terms. The aim is to develop fluency in reading and the ability to write sentences and short compositions within the limited context of vocabulary and structures.

ENTRY LEVEL COMPETENCY

Prerequisite is CHI 103-104 - Beginning Spoken Chinese I-II, or equivalent, or these courses taken concurrently with CHI 121-122.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student should have:

- A. developed the ability to read and understand Chinese in selections limited to the vocabulary acquired by the student
- B. developed good pronunciation in reading
- C. developed the ability to write 150-250 single characters
- D. developed the ability to assimilate the commonly occurring word-combinations these 150-250 characters appear in; that is, to acquire a considerable working vocabulary using these characters
- E. developed the ability to use the acquired vocabulary in sentences and short compositions

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE COVERED

The level of diction used in this course will be standard spoken Chinese not classical or literary Chinese. Standard spoken Chinese is the language used in everyday practical situations, and the vocabulary the student acquires will enable him to begin to be able to understand basic written communications within his limited vocabulary.